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Community Workshop

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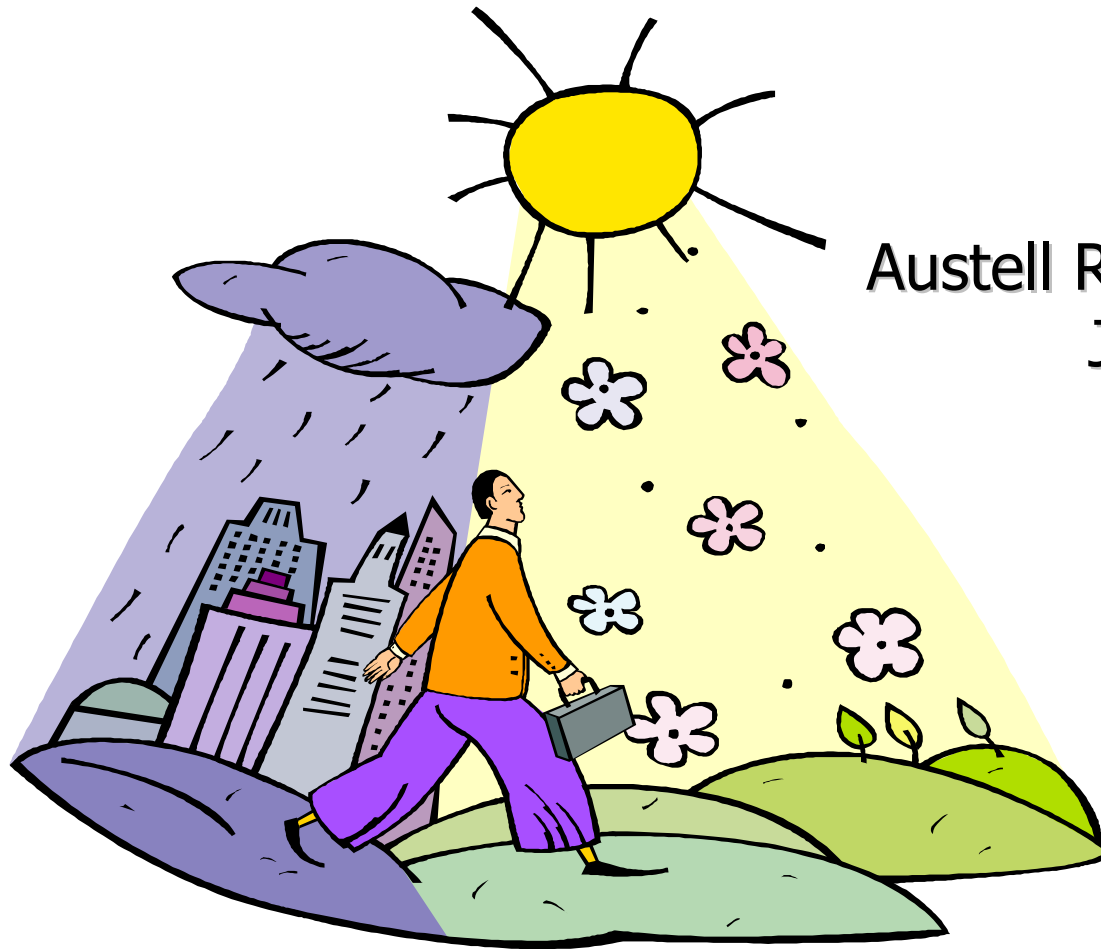
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Barriers to Walkability



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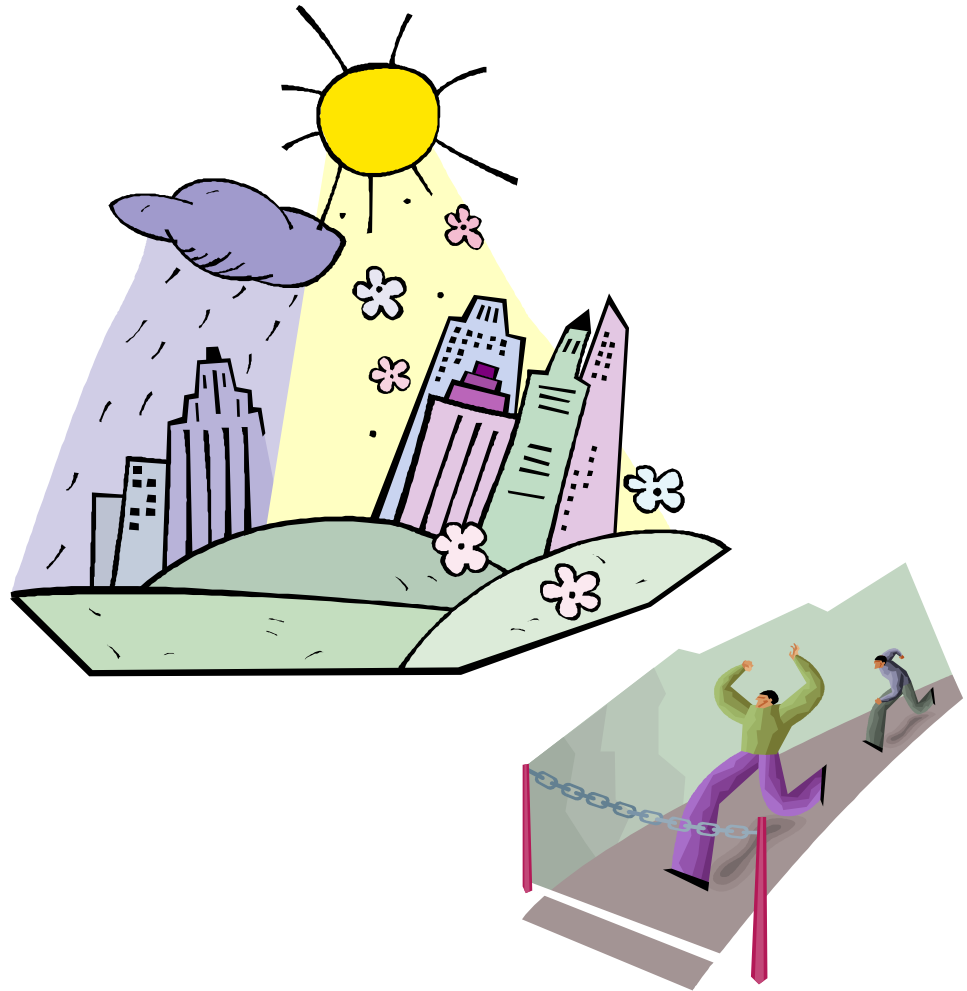
Physical Factors

Weather

- Heat and sun
- Rain and wind

Topographic factors

- Steep grades



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Land Use Factors

- Spreading out the functions of living
- Single-purpose land uses
- No housing
- No open space
- Vast parking lots





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Architecture/ Landscape Design Factors

- Buildings not oriented to street
 - Big setback with parking in front
 - No front doors
 - No windows
- Retaining walls, fences, and hedges at property lines No cover or shade (canopies, benches)
- No streetlights
- No trees or landscaping

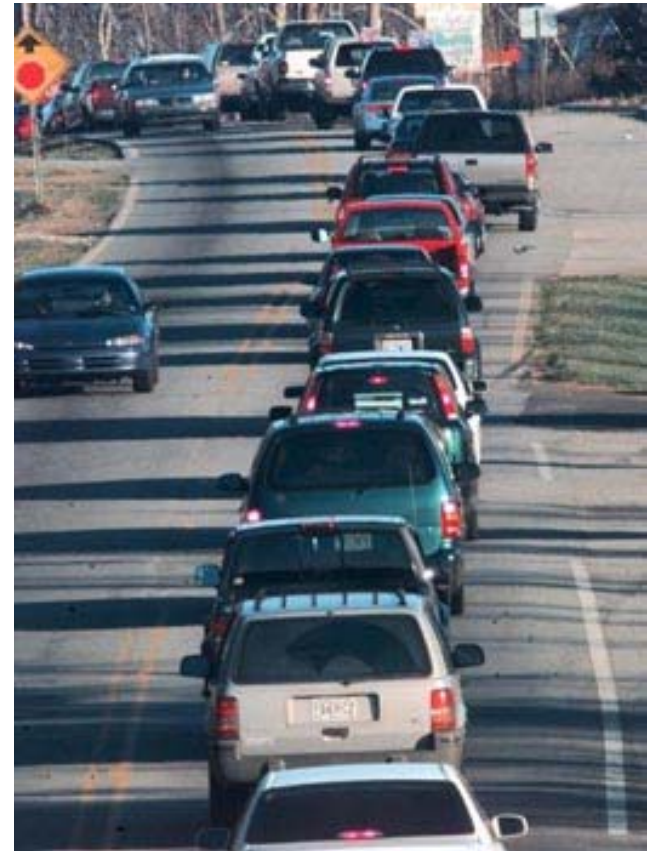


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Transportation Factors

- High-speed traffic
- High-volume turn lanes
- Too many curb cuts



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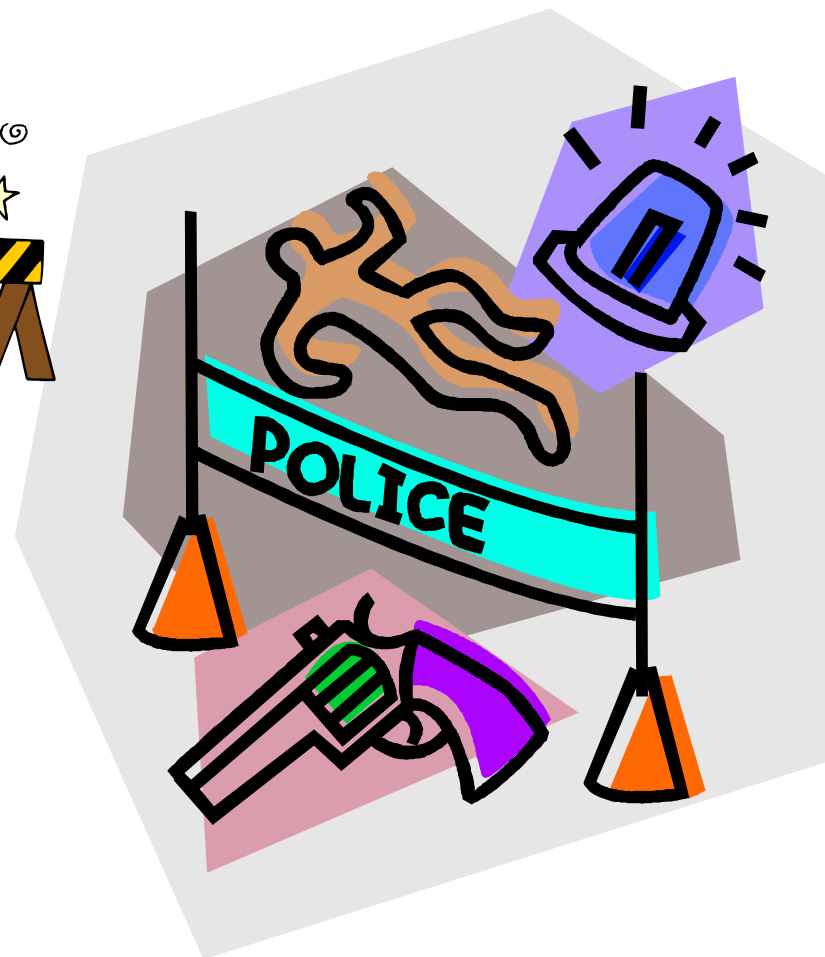
- No sidewalks, discontinuities in sidewalks
- No right-of-way or space for sidewalks
- No crosswalks
- Long blocks



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Social Factors

- Crime
- Fear
- Cartopia
- Cultural norms
- Social Stigma
- Aging process



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Lack of
Pedestrian-
oriented
Signage





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Solutions

- Pedestrian zones
- Grid system with short blocks
- Mid-block crossings





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Pedestrian Connections



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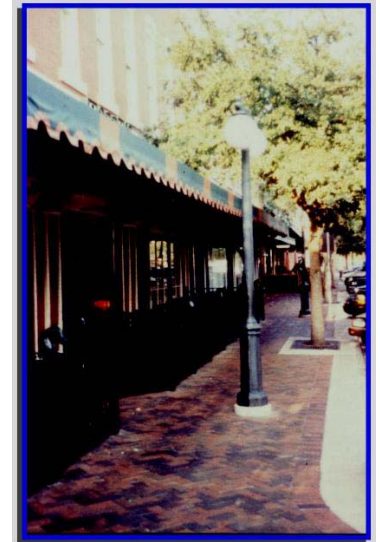
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Pedestrian Amenities



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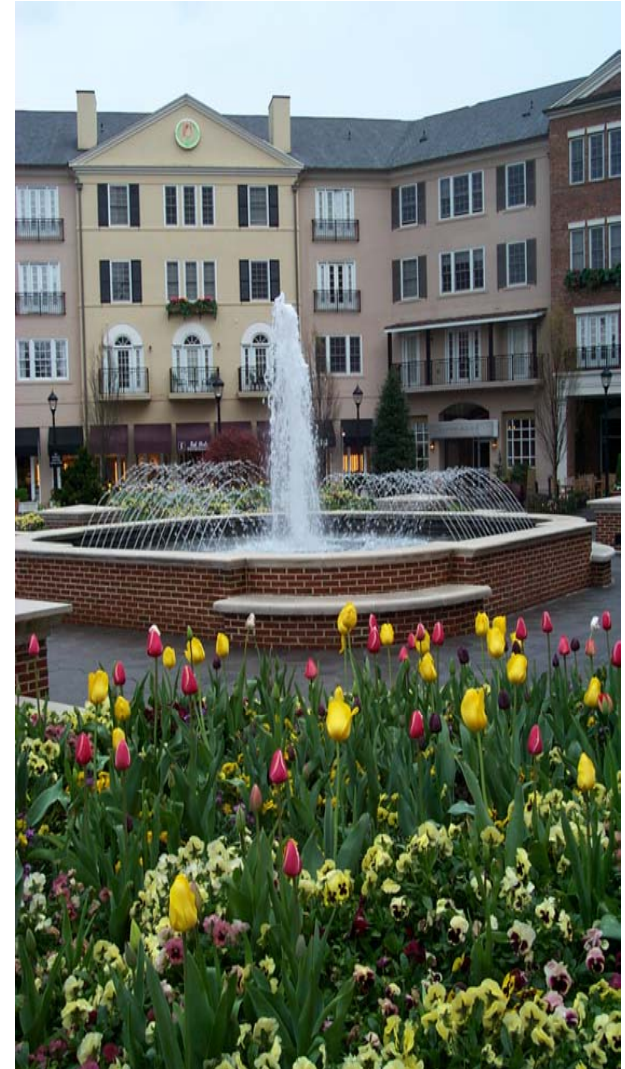
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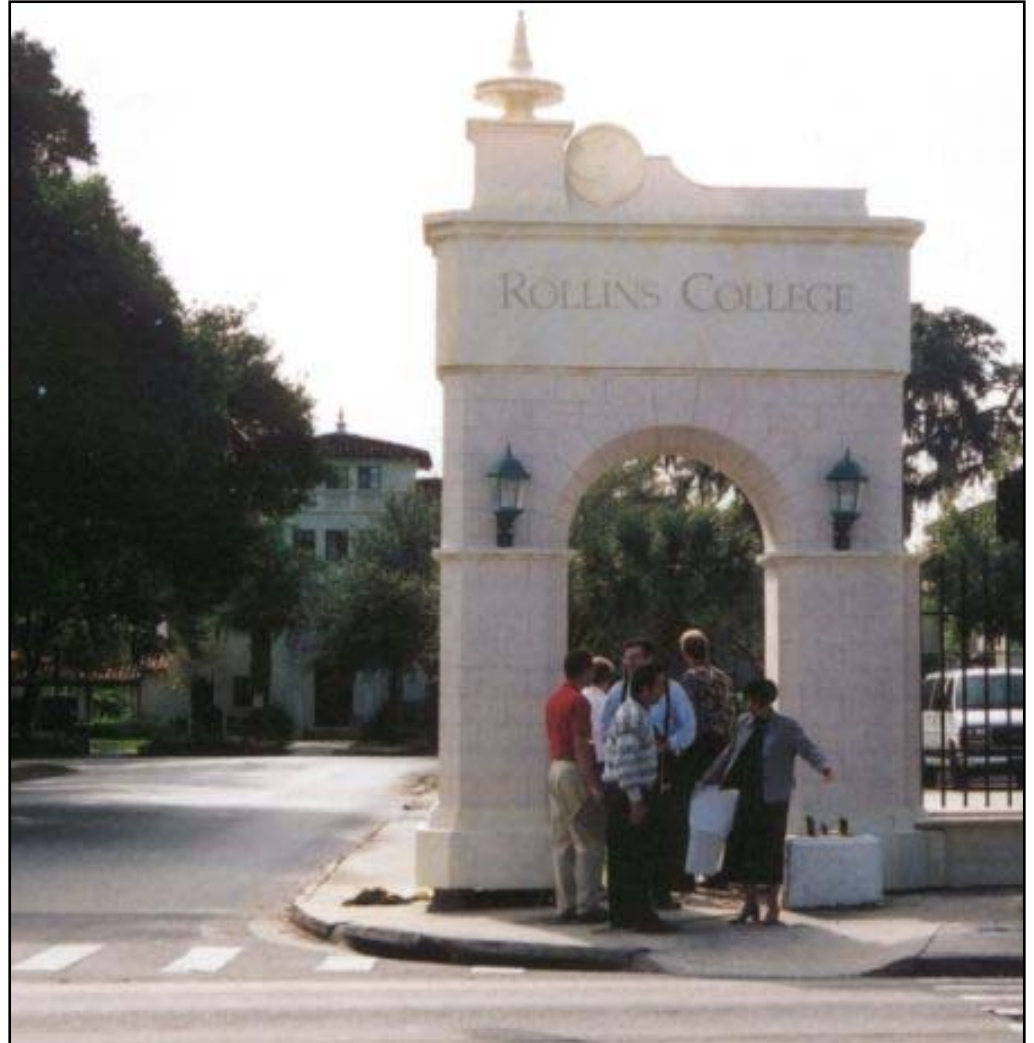
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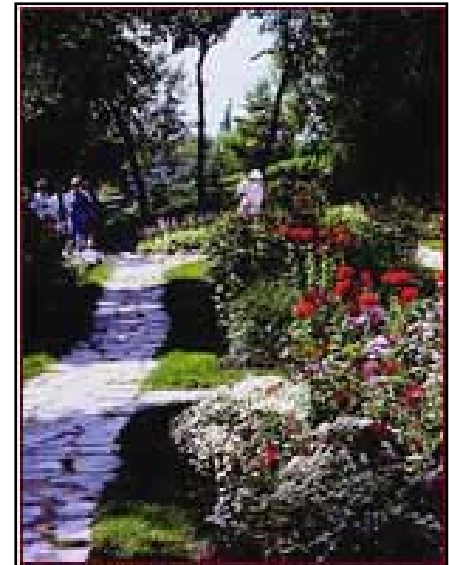
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Solutions

- Clustered land uses
- Pedestrian access plan
- Street orientation/
build-to lines





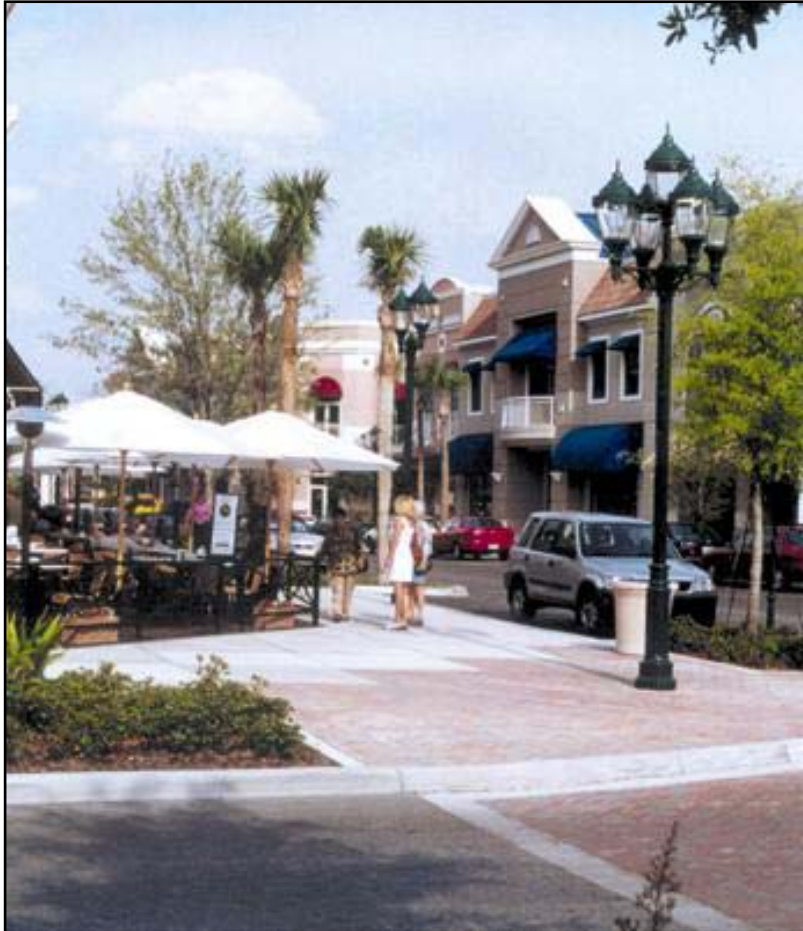
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Street-Oriented Development



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Street-oriented Development





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Solutions

- Street trees and landscaping





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Wayfinding for pedestrians





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Solutions ?



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Questions?

